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SUBJ: BLUE HOUSE BUGGING: CONTINUED ROKG EFFORTS TO END

CONFRONTATION

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION ON ANOTHER TOPIC, MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF POLCOUNS ON MEETING HELD APRIL 18 AT PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AND ATTENDED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND LEADERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: DRP AND YUJONG-HOE. PRIME PURPOSE FOR MEETING WAS TO CONVINCE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP THAT BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ISSUE NOW OFFICIALLY SETTLED. EVEN WITH THIS GROUP, FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVED SEVERE CRITICISM FOR HIS POSITION AND ULTIMATELY STRONG SUPPORT OF PRIME MINISTER WAS REQUIRED TO CONVINCE THEM THAT ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT POSITION WAS ONLY VIABLE COURSE OF ACTION. PAK STATED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS STILL LINGERING RESENTMENT OVER THIS ISSUE, HE WAS INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT THAT MATTER COULD NOT BE PUT TO REST. SNEIDER

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